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SUBJECT: BERMUDA'S NEW PREMIER
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1. BY A VOTE OF 14 TO 10, DAVID GIBBONS WAS CHOSEN BY UNITED BERMUDA PARTY (UBP) CAUCUS THIS MORNING AS BERMUDA'S NEW PREMIER. AFTER A WEEK OF LOBBYING BY THE CABINET GROUP (SUPPORTING GIBBONS) AND THE REFORMIST GROUP (SUPPORTING C.V. WOOLRIDGE), THE CLOSE VOTE HAS ONLY EVIDENCED FURTHER THE ALMOST IRRECONCILABLE SCHISM THAT EXISTS IN THE UBP.

2. AT LUNCHEON MEETING WITH THE SIX MOST PROMINENT MEMBERS OF REFORMIST GROUP, I WAS INFORMED THAT THEIR FUTURE COURSE OF ACTION WILL DEPEND ON COMPOSITION OF CABINET WHICH SHOULD BE DETERMINED WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS. GIBBONS IS MEETING WITH WOOLRIDGE THIS AFTERNOON TO NEGOTIATE CABINET POSITIONS. REFORMIST STRATEGY IS TO DEMAND DEPUTY PREMIER POSITION FOR WOOLRIDGE PLUS 5 CABINET PORTFOLIOS.

3. FULL ANALYSIS OF CURRENT STATE OF UBP AFFAIRS AND FORECAST FOR PARTY'S FUTURE WILL BE FORWARDED SEPARATELY
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